Expansion of NTPC power plant at Farakka

2163. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the expansion programme of NTPC's existing power plant at Farakka;

(b) whether any new unit is being added; and

(c) if so, the details of the same alongwith project schedule and tentative year of commissioning?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has envisaged to expand its existing Farakka Super Thermal Power Project (FSTPP) of 1600 Mega Watt (MW) (State-I: 3 X 200 MW, Stage-II: 2 X 500 MW) located in District Murshidabad of West Bengal by adding another 500 MW as a State-III expansion programme.

Actions have already been initiated for conducting the requisite site specific studies and investigation for preparation of Feasibility Report for Farakka STPP Stage-III. Availability of Coal and Water are the key inputs to be tied up for taking up State-III expansion of Farakka STPP. The project has been scheduled for Eleventh plan period.

Integrated energy policy

2164. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert group on energy policy has met for first time in August, 2004 to discuss formulation of an integrated energy policy for the country; and

(b) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to formulate an integrated energy policy which is needed at present?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) An "Expert Committee to formulate Energy Policy" was constituted on 12th August, 2004 under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission. The Committee has met twice on 26th August and 17th September, 2004. The Expert Committee is expected to submit its report within six months from the date of its constitution.

Missing of files relating to PMGSY

†2165. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an important file regarding the allocation of an amount of Rs. 2500 crores in the year 2000-01 and afterwards under the head "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" is missing which contains important Cabinet notes and letters on cross questioning to Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the full details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this respect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when an inquiry would be conducted by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) A file containing correspondence relating to allocation to States under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was misplaced. The file has been reconstructed by obtaining relevant documents from concerned Ministries and Planning Commission.

(c)and (d) An administrative inquiry into the misplacement of the file found that it was caused by lack of awareness and knowledge of general Office Procedures and suggested corrective measures which includes exposure of officials to Office Practices, Procedures and Maintenance of Systems.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.